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LG&E and KU Services Company Attention: Allyson Sturgeon 220 West Main Street P.O. Box 32010 Louisville, Kentucky 40202

Re: Louisville Gas and Electric Company and Kentucky Utilities Company

Petition for Confidential Protection received 4/28/11 PSC Reference #: 2011-00099 and 2011-00100

Dear Ms. Sturgeon:

The Public Service Commission has received the Petition for Confidential Protection you filed on April 28, 2011 on behalf of Louisville Gas and Electric Company ("LG&E") and Kentucky Utilities Company ("KU") to protect certain information filed with the Commission as confidential pursuant to Section 7 of 807 KAR 5:001 and KRS 61.878. The information you seek to have treated as confidential is identified as being contained in LG&E and KU's Responses to information requested in the Commission's Data Request Nos. 2, 4, 5, 9 and 10. The information is more particularly described as containing operating and maintenance practices for their own units, as well as "OVEC"; variable costs for LG&E, KU and OVEC; OVEC's environmental compliance strategy and costs; and OVEC's cost projections for the next 30 years.

Your justification for having the Commission handle this material as confidential is that the public disclosure of the information would compromise LG&E and KU's competitive position in the industry, which would result in an unfair commercial advantage to their competitors.

Based on a review of the information and pursuant to KRS 61.878 and 807 KAR 5:001, Section 7, the Commission has determined that the information requested to be held confidential is of a proprietary nature, which if publicly disclosed would permit an unfair commercial advantage to LG&E and KU's competitors. Therefore, the information requested to be treated as confidential **meets the criteria for confidential protection** and will be maintained as a nonpublic part of the Commission's file in this case. The



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procedure for usage of confidential materials during formal proceedings may be found at Section 7(8) of 807 KAR 5:001.

If the information becomes publicly available or no longer warrants confidential treatment, Louisville Gas and Electric Company and Kentucky Utilities Company are required by Section 8(9)(a) of KAR 5:001 to inform the Commission so that the information may be placed in the public record.

cc: Parties of Record

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